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## **Specialist Audit Services Framework**

National Audit Office

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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Victoria

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#### **Contact**

Central Procurement Team

#### **Email**

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKI - London

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.nao.org.uk/>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[www.delta-esourcing.com](http://www.delta-esourcing.com)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.delta-esourcing.com](http://www.delta-esourcing.com)

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Specialist Audit Services Framework

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Specialist Audit Services Framework

Reference number

GEN\_21\_29

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The National Audit Office (NAO) is the UK's independent public spending watchdog. We support Parliament in holding government to account and we help to improve public services through our high-quality audits. The NAO's Specialist Audit Service Framework is a fundamental part of being able to carry out our purpose and achieve our objectives. We are looking for firms who we can work in partnership with to ensure the delivery of high-quality audits which support effective accountability and lead to better financial reporting and financial management by public bodies. Our contract is divided into 3 Lots

- Lot 1 – Pensions
- Lot 2 – Property
- Lots 3 – Digital Financial Audit

For more information on this framework please access [www.delta-esourcing.com](http://www.delta-esourcing.com)

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £6,170,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 3

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

- Lot 1 – Pensions
- Lot 2 – Property
- Lots 3 – Digital Financial Audit

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Pensions

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

LONDON

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Pension

The provision of actuarial specialist advice and engagement to support the delivery of NAO audits across sectors over the 2021-22, 2022-23 2023-24 and 2024-25 audit cycles. Within this Lot, the supplier will be required to provide the following services:

?Actuarial expert secondments

?Direct support to NAO audits

?Support to the NAO's Pensions Centre of Expertise

?Training and support to NAO audit teams

?Learning and development for the NAO's Pensions Centre of Expertise

?Specialist skills

Please refer to ITT for more detail.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Consideration of Framework renewal shall be detailed within ITT Document, Suppliers are requested to refer to the published ITT document for further information.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Property

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

LONDON

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Property

The provision of actuarial specialist advice and engagement to support the delivery of NAO audits across sectors over the 2021-22, 2022-23 2023-24 and 2024-25 audit cycles. Within this Lot, the supplier will be required to provide the following services:

?Training and support to NAO audit teams

?Training for the NAO's Property Centre of Expertise

?Direct support to NAO audits

?Support to the NAO's Property Centre of Expertise

?Specialist skills

?Secondments

Please refer to ITT for more detail.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,850,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Consideration of Framework renewal shall be detailed within ITT Document, Suppliers are requested to refer to the published ITT document for further information.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Digital Financial Audit

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

LONDON

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The NAO combines the use of digital tools, techniques and expertise to support the Financial Audit Service Line in auditing risks arising from digital solutions relevant to financial reporting across government. This includes applying IT audit and data enabled techniques, evaluating and testing controls within and associated with information systems relevant to financial reporting and providing expert advice and support for other digital matters. We further combine the management, operation and support of our audit tools, such as our data ingestion and analysis solutions, audit management and documentation solutions into our Digital Financial Audit team. We are seeking suppliers capable of providing Digital Financial Audit skills to support the delivery of NAO audits over the 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 audit cycles. Within this Lot, the supplier will be required to provide the following services:

?Direct support to NAO audits

?Support to the NAO's Digital Financial Audit Team

?Training and support to NAO audit teams

?Training for the NAO's Digital Financial Audit team

?Specialist skills

?Secondments

Please refer to ITT for more detail.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,320,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Consideration of Framework renewal shall be detailed within ITT Document, Suppliers are requested to refer to the published ITT document for further information.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic

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### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Please refer to the procurement documents

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Please refer to the procurement documents

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

**IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

**IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

**IV.2) Administrative information**

**IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

15 October 2021

Local time

12:00pm

**IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

15 October 2021

Local time

12:00pm

Place

london

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

procurement team

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Victoria:-Accounting%2C-auditing-and-fiscal-services./5D66Y4BDSF>

To respond to this opportunity, please click here:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/respond/5D66Y4BDSF>

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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